

Growth—and Fission

At the end of its 50th year of publication (1916–1966), the *Journal of Bacteriology* will complete its first reproductive cycle. By simple fission, a sister journal will be born, the first “issue” being scheduled for February 1967. This offspring will be christened “*Journal of Virology*.”

Of course, the *Journal of Bacteriology* already has two sister journals in the ASM family, *Bacteriological Reviews* and *Applied Microbiology*. But, although we feel a strong bond of kinship, we cannot claim paternity. These two journals were created to publish types of papers not previously published in the *Journal*.

Thus, it is with great pride that, after a 50-year gestation period, we announce our role as progenitor of the *Journal of Virology*.

The need for an ASM-published journal of virology has been evident for some years. Largely through encouragement from the officers and members of the Virology Division of ASM, this need first brought forth the Virology Section within the *Journal of Bacteriology*; then, under the able direction of the Editor of the Virology Section, Dr. Harold S. Ginsberg, the progress in virological publication was so great, both quantitatively and qualitatively, that independent publication of a separate journal of virology was the only logical end-result.

The new journal (to commence publication as a bimonthly) will be like the *Journal of Bacteriology* in almost all respects. The same high editorial standards will be invoked. The same top-quality production standards will be maintained by the Society's Managing Editor and his staff. The editorial format and typography will be the same. Rapidity of publication will be provided, with most acceptable manuscripts being published within 3 months of receipt. The new journal will be available to ASM members as part of their dues. (Nonmembers may subscribe for the modest price of \$20 per year.)

The masthead statement, defining the purposes of the journal, will read as follows. “The *Journal of Virology*, a publication of the American Society for Microbiology, is devoted to the advancement and dissemination of fundamental knowledge concerning viruses of bacteria, plants, and animals. Investigators are invited to submit reports of original laboratory research in all areas of basic virology, including biochemistry, biophysics, genetics, immunology, morphology, and physiology. Review articles and manuscripts concerned with applied virology should be submitted to other appropriate publications (*Bacteriological Reviews*, *Applied Microbiology*) of the American Society for Microbiology.”

It is a particular pleasure to announce the names of the Editors of the *Journal of Virology*. ASM has been indeed fortunate in procuring the services of men who are not only eminent virologists but also well-experienced editors. (Among their other credentials, they all have served as members of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Bacteriology*.)

The Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Virology* will be Dr. Robert R. Wagner (Johns Hopkins University). Dr. Wagner will share editorial responsibilities with two Editors, Dr. Lloyd Kozloff (University of Colorado) and Dr. Norman P. Salzman (National Institutes of Health).

The Editorial Board will include the outstanding virologists currently on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Bacteriology*, in addition to other distinguished virologists now being selected.

It is entirely fitting, albeit coincidental, that the *Journal of Virology* will begin publication during the same year in which an outstanding virologist, S. E. Luria, will be installed as President of the American Society for Microbiology.

And so, to our erstwhile colleagues, we extend our heartiest congratulations and

best wishes for the new venture. Considering the demonstrated capabilities of the men involved, we can state with assurance that the *Journal of Virology* will be a dandy.

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